

Constitution of India, Article 227 – The observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Virudhunagar Hindu Nadargal Dharma Paribalana Sabai v. Tuticorin Educational Society, 2019 SCeJ 1070*, would not be taken to mean that there is a total bar on the exercise of jurisdiction under Article 227 by the High Courts in cases where a remedy is available under the Code of Civil Procedure – Even the Hon'ble Supreme Court has only said that the availability of a remedy under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure may have to be construed as a near total bar – The Hon'ble Supreme Court has not totally debarred the High Courts from exercising their power under Article 227 in appropriate cases, if the High Court feels that the Trial Court has failed in its duty – Fnd that the Trial Court has not only passed a wholly illegal *ex parte* decree, but it has shirked its responsibility in disposing of the applications for condonation of delay in seeking to set aside the *ex parte* decree within a reasonable time by merely adjourning the proceedings without showing any sense of responsibility.

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